

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
	)	
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,	)	Civil Action No.: 2017-CP-40-04872
ex rel. Alan Wilson, in his official	)	
capacity as Attorney General of the State of	)	Judge Robert E. Hood
South Carolina,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
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Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma, Inc.,	)	
and the Purdue Frederick Company,	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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### **ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on motions by Defendants Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma, Inc. and the Purdue Frederick Company (collectively, “Defendants”) seeking Judgment on the Pleadings and a stay of this case, and on motions by the Plaintiff, the State of South Carolina (the “State”), to unseal the allegations of the Amended Complaint and for entry of a proposed scheduling order. The Court heard oral argument on these Motions on March 27, 2018. Having considered the briefing and argument of the Parties, the Amended Complaint, and the requirements of law, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Defendants’ Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings is hereby **DENIED**.
2. Defendants’ Motion to Stay this Case Under the Primary Jurisdiction Doctrine and the Court’s Inherent Authority to Stay Proceedings is hereby **DENIED**.
3. Plaintiff’s Motion to Initially File the Amended Complaint under Seal and then to Unseal the Amended Complaint is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART**, as follows: Paragraphs 125, 130, 133, 147, and 156 are unsealed. Paragraphs 38, 132, and 146 shall remain sealed. The Court also understands that the parties have agreed to unseal additional paragraphs of the Amended Complaint. The Clerk of Court is directed to replace the publicly available

version of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint with the version of the Amended Complaint attached to this order. As Defendants have already answered the Amended Complaint, they need not respond to the substituted version of the Amended Complaint.

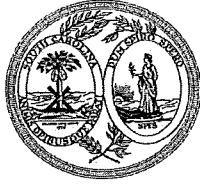
4. The Court defers a ruling on the State's Motion for Entry of Proposed Scheduling Order and will confer with the Parties regarding scheduling within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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The Honorable Robert E. Hood

April \_\_, 2018  
Columbia, South Carolina



Richland Common Pleas

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So Ordered

s/ R.E. Hood #2164